

**DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION  
RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Wednesday, January 22, 2014**

**OPEN SESSION**

**The OPEN Session meeting of the Board of Veterinary Medicine was called to order at 1:00 p.m. on the above date in Room 401 of the Cannon Building, RI Department of Health. PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended.**

**Members Present    Staff Present**

**Peter Cournoyer, DVM    Linda Phillips**

**Mark Povar, DVM    Amy Coleman, Attorney**

**Conrad Jones, DVM    Karlene Brown**

**Susan Fabrizio**

**Members Absent    Others Present**

**Catherine Lund, DVM**

**Stacey Rodehorst, DVM**

**Call to Order**

**The meeting of the Veterinary Medicine Board was called to order at**

**1:00 p.m.**

## **1.0 MINUTES**

**The minutes of the OPEN session meeting held on October 23, 2013 were reviewed.**

**Conrad Jones moved that the minutes be approved with one minor correction. Mark Povar seconded the motion. The motion carried on unanimous consent.**

## **2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES**

- A warm welcome was extended to Amy Coleman, the Boards new attorney.**
- The meeting dates for 2014 were distributed.**

### **Communications:**

- State Veterinarian, Dr. Scott Marshall, received an inquiry concerning a vet (licensed out of state) wanting to treat one of his patients who moved to RI. His question concerned whether he needed to be licensed to come into RI to treat specifically for equine dentistry. The Board determined that dentistry constitutes the practice of veterinary medicine and requires a license to work in RI.**
- A letter was received from the RIVMA asking for the definition of a**

**“specialist” in Rhode Island, stating that several States have a specific law or administrative regulation that addresses this issue but that Rhode Island does not. The Board is in full agreement with the policy set forth by the American Veterinary Medical Association stating “only those veterinarians who have been certified by an AVMA-recognized specialty organization should refer to themselves as specialists.”**

**Continuing Education Inquiries:   None**

**Issued Veterinary Licenses:**

**A list of new veterinary licenses was distributed to the Board for review. On a motion made by Mark Povar and seconded by Peter Cournoyer, the list of licenses was approved by unanimous consent.**

**3.0   OLD BUSINESS:   None**

**4.0   NEW BUSINESS:   None**

**5.0   ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 46-45-5 of the RI General Laws for the purpose of discussing job**

performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licenses; and

investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Said individuals

have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held in an

**OPEN meeting.**

Conrad Jones made a motion to close the OPEN meeting and adjourn to CLOSED session

in accordance with Sections 42-46-5(a) (1) and (4). Mark Povar seconded the motion. The motion

passed by unanimous consent.

The OPEN meeting session adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

## **6.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

Mark Povar made a motion to reopen the OPEN session at 2:40 p.m.

Susan Fabrizio seconded the

motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.

## **7.0 VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES**

Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5, and 42-46-7 of the RI General Laws, a motion was made by Conrad Jones and seconded by Peter

**Cournoyer to seal the minutes of the executive (closed) session. All approved.**

**8.0 FINAL ACTIONS: None**

**9.0 ADJOURN**

**Being no other business before the Board, Peter Cournoyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 p.m. Mark Povar seconded the motion. The motion carried on unanimous consent.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Phillips, Board Administrator  
Rhode Island Department of Health**